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SUBJECT: CALL ON NEW MINISTER OF INFORMATION, PROPAGANDA,
CULTURE AND TOURISM: SISANA SISANE

1. FOREIGN MINISTRY, AT MY REQUEST, IS SCHEDULING CALLS
ON MEMBERS OF NEW GOVERNMENT. DECEMBER 30, ACCOMPANIED
BY PAO DAKS, I CALLED ON SISANA SISANE, MINISTER OF INFORMA-
TION, PROPAGANDA, CULTURE AND TOURISM. MINISTER WAS COUR-
TEOUS AND FRIENDLY AND ALTHOUGH HE APOLOGIZED FOR HIS
FRENCH SPOKE IT VERY WELL. HE ALSO CONVERSED WITH
DAKS IN LAO.

2. I TOLD SISANA WE WISHED TO MAINTAIN NORMAL RELATIONS
WITH LAOS AND RECALLED THAT THE DEPARTMENT'S SPOKESMAN
HAD IMMEDIATELY REMARKED AFTER THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE
LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC THE THE UNITED STATES
CONTINUED TO HAVE DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH LAOS AND THAT
I HAD PROMPTLY RESPONDED TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER IN THE
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SAME SENSE. I ADDED THAT I HAD BEEN TRYING SINCE MY

ARRIVAL TO HAVE THE BEST POSSIBLE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND LAOS.

3. SISANA SAID HE HAD HEARD THE SPOKESMAN'S STATEMENT ON VOA AND HE BELIEVED THAT ALTHOUGH THERE WAS "GREAT HATRED" AMONG THE LAO FOR THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT BECAUSE OF THE WAR, IT WAS BETTER TO LOOK FORWARD RATHER THAN BACK. HE SAID GOOD RELATIONS WERE POSSIBLE IF THERE WAS RESPECT FOR LAO INDEPENDENCE, INTEGRITY, UNITY, ETC. AND SAID PEOPLE WERE STILL UNEASY ABOUT LAO REFUGEES IN THAILAND AND CITED A REPORT GOING AROUND THAT THE UNITED STATES HAD GIVEN 150 MILLION DOLLARS TO LAO RIGHTISTS IN THAILAND. HE INDICATED HE DID NOT BELIEVE THIS REPORT, BUT SAID ITS CIRCULATION SHOWED WHAT PEOPLE WERE WORRIED ABOUT. I TOLD HIM WE HAD A SMALL EMBASSY NOW DOWN TO 27 AMERICANS INCLUDING ALL ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTIONS AND THE MARINE GUARDS AND HAD A TRADITIONAL EMBASSY ROLE WITH DUE RESPECT FOR LAO INDEPENDENCE, ETC.

4. SISANA RAISED THE QUESTION OF AID AND I REVIEWED THE LAO REQUEST FOR THE END OF THE 1951 AGREEMENT AND THE DEPARTURE OF CIVILIANS AND MILITARY ASSISTANCE PERSONNEL AND SAID I WAS NOT AUTHORIZED TO DISCUSS NEW ASSISTANCE. HE THEN ASKED MY PERSONAL OPINION ABOUT WHAT THE POSSIBILITIES FOR AID AT SOME TIME WERE. (HE SEEMED TO THINK HE HAD HEARD SOMETHING ON VOA ABOUT US READINESS TO GIVE AID TO LAOS.) I READ HIM THE PARAGRAPH ON INDOCHINA IN THE PRESIDENT'S REMARKS AT THE EAST-WEST CENTER IN HAWAII. SISANA AGREED WITH THE NEED FOR THE "HEALING EFFECTS OF TIME" AND REITERATED HIS EARLIER OBSERVATION ON LOOKING FORWARD RATHER THAN BACK. I REITERATED MY INTENTION TO CONTINUE TO WORK FOR THE BEST POSSIBLE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND LAOS.
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